Vhb Lifesciences	Wisdom Pharma
Vilco	Wockhardt
Wallace	Wockhardt
Walter Bushnell	Wyeth Limited
Wanbury	Yash Pharma
Warren	Zee Labs
Win Medicare	Zenith Labs
Wings Pharma	Zydus Cadila

Awareness for donation of organs

3459. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of donated organs are not sufficient to meet the demand in the country;

(b) if so, what action Government is taking for creating awareness in the country for donating organs for others' life;

(c) the number of patients died due to non-availability of organs during the last two years;

(d) whether Government is planning to launch National Organ Transplantation Programme to regulate organ transplantation in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Health is a State subject. The data, is therefore, not maintained centrally.

(d) and (e) It has been felt that donation of organs needs to be popularized and encouraged through a National Organ Transplant Programme. Planning Commission has approved an outlay of Rupees one Crore for the Annual Plan 2007-08 under scheme of National Organ Transplant Programme.

Healthcare upgradation fund

3460. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up Healthcare Upgradation Fund to develop infrastructure facilities in health sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The primary health care services are being provided in rural areas through a network of 145272 Sub-centres, 22370 Primary Health Centres and 4045 Community Health Centres as on March 2007. Under National Rural Health Mission, funds are released by the Central Government to all State/ UT Governments for upgradation/strengthening/establishment of their SCs, PHCs and CHCs. The States/UTs Governments are however required to incorporate their requirement in their annual NRHM Programme Implementation Plans (PIP).

Plan to address the menace of deafness

3461. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of children born deaf every year and the percentage of population in the country suffering from progressive and acute hearing loss;

(b) whether Government has any plan to address the menace of deafness;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is also proposed to start ENT Departments in every district hospital in the country and to provide adequate care to the hearing impaired?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) NSSO 58th round (2002) reveals that the Prevalence rates of hearing impaired among the children below 4 years was 55 both in rural and urban areas.

It has identified hearing impairment in terms of profound, severe and moderate cases. The data depicts that among the hearing impaired persons 31.1% cases had profound, while 39.8% cases had severe and the rest 29% cases had moderate hearing impairment in the rural areas. In the case of urban areas 34.5% had profound, 36.2% had severe while the rest 29.3% have moderate hearing impairment.

(b) and (c) To address this huge burden of Hearing impairment, the pilot phase of National Programme and Prevention and Control of Deafness (NPPCD) has been launced in 25 districts of 10 States and one U.T. in 2007.

This programme is being extended to 203 districts during the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2008—2012).

(d) Under the programme (NPPCD), Capacity Building of the entire identified District hospitals will be undertaken in the programme by providing ENT and Audiology Equipments along with One Audiometric Assistant and One Special Educator (Instructor for the Young Hearing Impaired) to the district Hospital to provide adequate care to the hearing impaired.

Under Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) it is mandatory to have atleast One ENT surgeon in each district hospital.